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of many other factors and not on account of the poison. I cannot admit that statement. Though I am not a doctor, I have gone through some literature on the subject. Therefore will the Government please look into the matter and appoint a Minister. (Laughter.) Yes, Government should appoint Minister to look after the old type of treatment.''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member is welcome to cherish his belief, Sir. I do not know what exactly he wants.''

Poramboke and barren lands.

* 1879 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of poramboke and barren lands in Padangi, Kariyanur and Pasumbalur villages of Perambalur taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—

	Poramboke. ACS.	Barren lands. ACS.
" Padalur	754	753
Kariyanur	499	499
Pasumbalur	592	577 "

Bridge across the Cooum river.

* 1880 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri M. Dharmalingam, is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.''

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether construction of a bridge across the Cooum River near the Tiruvallur Railway station has been taken up;

(*b*) if so, the total estimated cost thereof;

(*c*) when this work was started; and

(*d*) when it will be completed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Rs. 2·86 lakhs.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The work was commenced on 17th August 1954 and is expected to be completed by the end of August 1955.''

Hostel of Harijan students.

* 1881 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU (on behalf of Sri L. Anandan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 12th July 1954, requesting them to open a hostel for the Harijan students studying in the Board High School, Chinnasalem;

(*b*) if so, when the hostel will be opened; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) A petition has been received by the Director of Harijan Welfare.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The request for the opening of a Government Hostel at Chinnasalem is being examined by the Director of Harijan Welfare. A decision will be taken by the Government after the report of the Director of Harijan Welfare has been received and considered."

New Road works.

* 1882 *Q.*—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the details of new road works proposed to be undertaken under the Village Communication Scheme in Kurumbranad taluk under the Five-year Plan, 1953–58; and

(*b*) the present stage of their execution?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) The First Five-Year Plan covers the period from 1951–52 to 1955–56 and the works included therein are—

(1) formation (metalling) of Thikkodi Bazaar Road; and

(2) forming a road to connect Meladi village to Payyoli Railway station.

" (*b*) Item (1) has been completed in 1951–52 and item (2) has yet to be taken up for execution."

Improper drawal of grant by Moothanthara Aided Elementary School, Palghat.

* 1883 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Manager of the Moothanthara Aided Elementary School, Palghat, Malabar, has drawn the grant for November and December 1953 in which was included the pay of one Ramankutty Marar, who was not in service during that period;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that this Marar brought this to the notice of the District Educational Officer, South Malabar; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken to recover the amount from the Manager?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) The recognition of the school has been withdrawn with effect from 1st August 1954 and the grant payable to the school has been withheld. Action has also been taken to declare the manager to be unfit to be a manager."